

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



**Town of Essex
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426**

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Meeting Room A**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Jeff Going called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Attendance

Members Present

- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Earl Fowler, Alternate
- Kit Schellens, Alternate
- John Senning
- Terry Stewart

Ex Officio Members Present

- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Others Present

- Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina

Earl Fowler was seated for Walter Wiegert and Kit Schellens was seated for Joe Zaraschi.

3. Approval of March Regular Meeting Minutes

The March 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the March 24, 2016 regular meeting minutes. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, John Senning, and Terry Stewart; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Jeff Going presented the April 28, 2016 Treasurer's report in Treasurer Walter Wiegert's absence.

Motion: Earl Fowler moved to approve the April 28, 2016 Treasurer's report. Terry Stewart seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, John Senning, and Terry Stewart; 4-0-0 motion approved.

Two invoices were presented for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$288.20 for April Clerk Services;
- Gilman Corporation - \$5,724.00 for three reflective buoys, which have been delivered. (It was noted that this price was somewhat higher than anticipated.)

Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the invoices presented. Earl Fowler seconded the motion.

Discussion: The variance in the price (approximately \$200) was discussed.

Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, John Senning, and Terry Stewart; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

6. Harbor Master Report

New Wait List Requests

- Matthew J. Montana, Meadows, check dated 4/1/16
- Stewart Galeucia, North Cove, check dated 4/14/16
- R. Dean Eubank, Middle Cove, check dated 4/26/16

Paul met with Essex Boat Club. Last year there was concern that the eyelets on top of the concrete blocks were starting to erode, which they have addressed. Also, there is a movement toward members owning their own ground tackle, which is the first step in privatizing this and is thought to be a step in the right direction.

The harbor marks are all set and most of the anchorages are set.

Paul and Jeff still need to get together with Rick Carlson at Essex Boat Works. They will try to meet with him sometime in the next week.

7. Harbor Management Business

- **Capital Projects:** None.
- **Town Access Ways**

There are currently nine names on the wait list for Bushnell Access.

8. Correspondence

A letter was received from Paige Lescure, 36 Mack Lane, Essex, seeking the Harbor Management Commission's approval for a driveway access through a small portion of the Mack Lane Public Access Way. As part of the request, she is proposing a "beautification" plan as described in the letter. Paige has filed an application with the Zoning Commission and expects it to be reviewed at the May 16, 2016 Zoning Commission meeting. She has offered to attend the Harbor Management Commission's May meeting to discuss her proposed plan.

The proposal, the history of this property and the associated public access were discussed at length.

Motion: Terry Stewart moved to accept the proposal of Paige Lescure and that we agree with the concept of her project and encourage the Town to reword appropriately the easement that they have for crossing the public access way or amend as necessary. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, John Senning, and Terry Stewart; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Notice was received from DEEP that Cecil Lyon was given a COP for his February 26, 2016 application.

Notice was also received from DEEP that River Properties, Inc. was given a COP for their March 8, 2016 application.

9. New Business

- Replacement of the two danger marks on the rock pile in the southern anchorage

Doug Domenie provided information that Cy Libby had obtained from Gilman for rock buoys. Pricing and availability needs to be determined.

Joe Zaraschi shared the following issues by email in light of his absence from the April meeting that he felt needed to be addressed:

- The piling "H" marker that was repaired last spring is leaning and may need additional repair or replacement;
- The harbor mark for the Essex Yacht Club seems a bit close to the dock and Joe suggested that it might be repositioned when the moorings are set.
- Joe also noted in his email that he will not be available to assist with the auction of abandoned vessels due to business/travel commitments and suggested that another member assist.

10. Old Business

Paul Riggio will follow up to be sure that the maps for the public access ways are filed properly with the Town and printed as discussed at the last meeting.

- **Confiscated Vessel Auction**

John Senning noted that the auction has been delayed due to a conflict with the Marshal's schedule and also his own schedule but that it should take place in May and probably before the next meeting.

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**

No update. Jeff Going needs to give Betsy the updates discussed to date to incorporate into the plan.

- **Newsletter**

No update.

- **Wally Schieferdecker Recognition**

Recognition plans are under way and Wally is expected to be back in time for the June meeting.

11. Adjournment

Motion: John Senning moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Kit Schellens seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, John Senning, and Terry Stewart; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk